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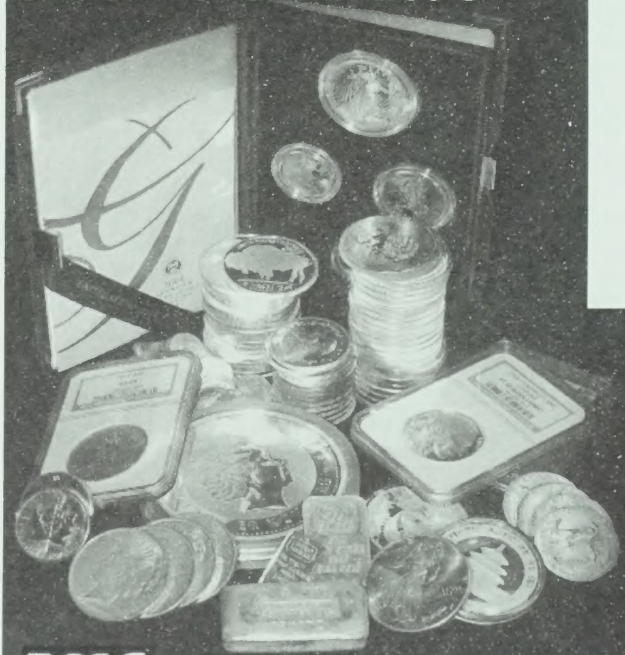

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Your Attention Please!

Nominations are now being accepted for **all** Officer positions in the NNA. If you would like to run for office or know of someone who has what it takes to be on the cutting edge of things Numismatic in the State of Nebraska, (or someone with a warm body with time to spare), and the inclination to serve, please submit all nominations to NNA secretary, John Veach P.O. Box 5575 Lincoln, NE 68505

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"My 2 Cents"

"In the bleak midwinter, frosty wind made moan,
Earth stood hard as iron, water like a stone;
Snow had fallen, snow on snow, snow on snow,
In the bleak midwinter, long ago."
-In The Bleak Midwinter words: Christina Rossetti 1872

Long ago? That's the kind of Winter we're having now! No matter how cold or snowy it is outside however, our hobby can keep us warm with thoughts of upcoming shows and the possibility of filling holes in albums, finding that one special coin, learning something new about the series you collect, looking for something online or just attending a club meeting and getting together with people with a common interest. Ah, numismatics, I can feel a little warmth returning just thinking about it.

We have a number of show announcements in this issue and some interesting articles that will hopefully enlighten and entertain. We look back at the Central States Numismatic Society and Omaha Coin Club's Numismatic Educational seminar and OCC's 50th Annual Show. We also shine the **"Club Spotlight"** on **Wahoo Coin Club** in this issue on pages 7-9 and look back on their Annual Show on page 10. I would wager, if you read the spotlight, you'll learn something about Wahoo Coin Club you didn't know. Also, Jim McKee is still looking for ANA member numbers from NNA members. See page 20 for details.

Steven C. Drake shares a fun article on "Nebraska Elongated Coins" on pages 13, 25-27 that you don't want to miss and much more.

So, don't let the *"snow on snow, snow on snow"* slow you down this winter. If nothing else, rub two nickels together and make some heat.

-Mitch

Omaha Coin Club
50th Annual Show
October 31 and November 1 2009

An estimated crowd of 800 browsed the bourse of 33 dealers from 5 States at Omaha Coin Club's 50th Annual Show the weekend of October 31st and November 1st.

Sixteen YN's participated in a State quarter trivia "Treasure Hunt" quiz. Each participant who completed the quiz received a set of unc 1960 Jefferson Nickels to commemorate OCC's first show in 1960. An hourly door prize raffle raised fun and funds for OCC.

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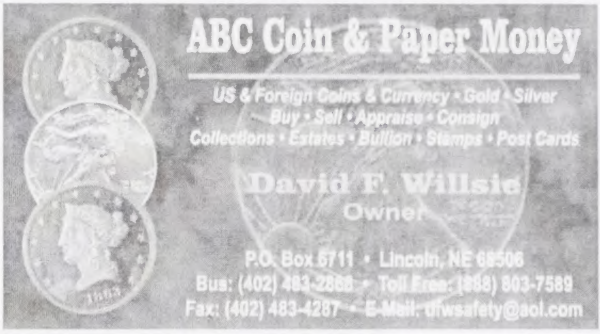

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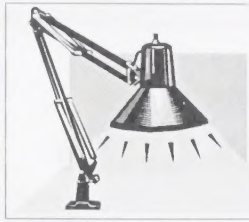
Club Spotlight! Wahoo Coin Club

January 30, 1961 the Wahoo Coin Club was organized by Hans Andresen, Walter Carlstom, Evald Brodd, Gus Anderson and Lee Andresen. At this first organizational meeting which was held in the home of Gus Anderson the constitution, by-laws and regulations of the Wahoo Coin Club were drafted, temporary officers were elected and the first meeting date was set for the first Saturday of the month, February 4, 1961, in the basement of the City Fire Hall at 8 P.M. It was also decided that charter members would be any members joining by the April meeting and 55 people did join in that time period. It's interesting to note that the person elected as the first president in 1961 is still an active member of the Club in 2010.

In the Coin Club Issues of Nebraska (1994) by Steve Drake and John Veach it stated that the Wahoo Coin Club had issued the largest variety of numismatic items in the state. It had issued two designs of medals, wooden nickels, wooden crowns, wooden flats, proof set holders and a key chain. The first Club medal was issued in 1967 in commemoration of the State's centennial. The second medal commemorated the Club's 25th anniversary. Wooden nickels were issued for the Coin Club shows from 1965-1976. Proof set holders were made to commemorate the Club's organization in 1961 and its 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 30th anniversary. The key chain was made for the Club's 25th anniversary. The wooden flats were made to commemorate the Club's 10th and 15th anniversaries. A round wooden dollar was made to commemorate the Club's 20th anniversary. For the Club's 25th anniversary a wooden crown



Club Spotlight!

Wahoo Coin Club

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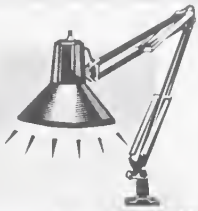
The Wahoo Coin Club meets at the Saunders County Museum on the first Saturday of the month except in December when it meets on the second Saturday. The meeting begins at 7:30 PM and consists of a general business meeting, approximately $40.00 worth of door prizes, a 50/50 raffle for members only, refreshments and a coin auction.

There is a Y.N. program for collectors that are in high school or younger. The Y.N.'s have a short meeting before the regular Club meeting. A Y.N. auction is held at 7 P.M. before the May and November meetings. The coins are purchased with Y.N. money that is earned by attending meetings and doing various duties and activities.

Each year the Club has been having a Coin Show where people can buy, sell or trade those numismatic items of interest to them. A raffle and hourly door prize drawings are included. The Club also puts on a soup supper, a chicken picnic, a make-your- own sundae night and a Christmas party with a white elephant auction for the members' enjoyment. Anyone with perfect attendance at the end of the year receives a silver eagle.

The Wahoo Coin Club has a display case in the Wahoo Public Library. A variety of coins, paper money, tokens or other interesting coin-related items are placed there and rotated by the Coin Club members. Also, the "Coinage" magazine is subscribed to by the Coin Club for use at the Library.

Club Spotlight!



Wahoo Coin Club
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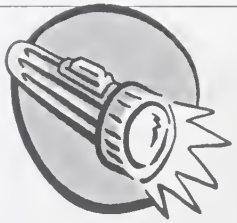
The founding fathers of the Wahoo Coin Club would be pleased to see that the Club that they started in 1961 is still in existence in 2010. The Club still provides a chance for its members, both young and old, to spend some time with people who share a mutual interest in coin collecting.

Submitted by Carol Jasa on behalf of the Wahoo Coin Club



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"A Bright Idea?"

The coming phase out of the incandescent light bulb.

-Mitch Ernst

The way dealers light their tables at shows across the country is changing in a couple of years. On December 18, 2007 a little-noticed provision in an energy bill, literally flips the switch on the 125-year-old incandescent light bulb in favor of a new generation of energy-efficient lights.

The energy bill will phase out incandescent light bulbs in the next 2 to 10 years in favor of compact fluorescent, halogen, and LED bulbs.

CFL bulb

Under the measure, all light bulbs must use 25 percent to 30 percent less energy than today's products by 2012 to 2014.

The phase out will start with 100-watt bulbs in January 2012 and end with 40-watt bulbs in January 2014. By

2020, bulbs must be 70 percent more efficient.

With the phase out, the U.S. is projected to cut light bulb electricity use by 60 percent by 2020.

What does that mean for hobbyists trying to get the best, natural look at a coin under a light at a show?

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A Look At Nebraska Elongated Coins

-Steven C. Drake

A few years before Mel Stark passed away, I had the opportunity to visit him at his home in Omaha. Mel was the former curator of the PhilaMatic Center at Boystown and was instrumental in producing some of the elongated coins associated with Nebraska.

The first elongated coin design I am going to mention is the "Nebraska Centennial Celebration." The design has an outline of the state with "NEBRASKA" within. Also on the design is "CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION", "1867 1967" and "100 YEARS OF STATEHOOD". Mel stated that one thousand wheat and memorial cents were made and ten dimes were produced. Please note that these mintage figures come from Mel. Later, I ran across some information that one hundred and fifty nickels were made, one of which I have in my collection. Also, I have obtained a half dollar and understand that quarters may have also been made.

The next elongated design is a Nebraska Statehood design. The design is similar to a 5 cent U.S. postage stamp. It shows a steer overlaying an ear of corn. Because the date on my cent is 1968-D, I believe the design was produced after the postage stamp was issued.

Mel was connected with elongated coins marking the Nebraska National Champion football season in 1970-1971. He

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2009 Lincoln Cent Mintage

The **2009 Lincoln Cents** are turning out to have some surprising low mintage figures compared to prior years. The low mintages are a result of the economy, which has driven old coins back into circulation, diminishing the need to produce new coins. Additionally, because the 2009 Lincoln Cent will have four different designs, the mintage must also be divided across four different coins.

The low number of coins minted have also experienced limited distribution since the Federal Reserve is working through a glut of old coinage before new coins are released.

The low mintage, limited distribution, and heavy demand for the 2009 Lincoln Pennies have combined to quickly drive up prices on the secondary markets. Whether or not these prices eventually come down, when the dust settles, the **2009 Lincoln Pennies** will have the lowest mintages for their denomination in decades.

The final mintage for the 2009 "Birthplace", "Formative Years", and "Professional Life" Lincoln Cents have now been provided by the United States Mint. Mintage figures for the "Presidency" Lincoln Cents are not yet available from the Mint.

Birthplace Lincoln Cent

Philadelphia	284,400,000
Denver	350,400,000
Total	634,800,000

Formative Years Lincoln Cent

Philadelphia	376,000,000
Denver	363,600,000
Total	739,600,000

Professional Life Lincoln Cent

Philadelphia	316,000,000
Denver	336,000,000
Total	652,000,000

Presidency Lincoln Cent

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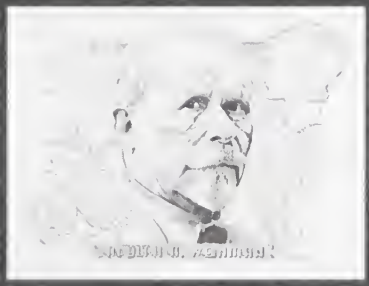

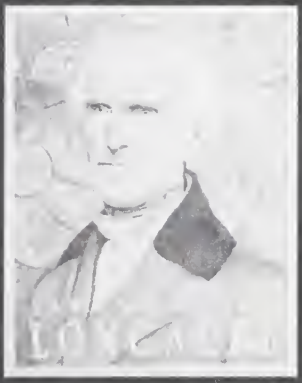

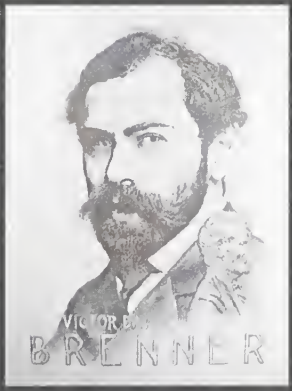

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So, what can you do? If you are a current ANA member, in good standing, please send your ANA membership # to Jim McKee the Nebraska Regional representative for the ANA. Jim will tally the numbers and let the ANA know how many members we have. Hopefully, with you're participation and a good turnout we can save some serious money on our dues each and every year.

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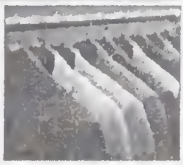

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said there were two thousand cents made, six buffalo nickels, forty Jefferson nickels, one hundred silver Roosevelt dimes, ten Mercury dimes and six silver Washington quarters. (It seems to me that Mel almost always had six silver quarters struck of every design he made.)

In 1976, two thousand cents, one hundred silver Roosevelt dimes and six silver Washington quarters were made with a PhilaMatic Center design.

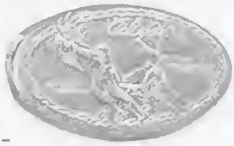
In 1977, Boystown celebrated its 60th Anniversary. Mel had two thousand cents, fifty Roosevelt dimes, six silver Washington quarters made to commemorate the event; a single student token was also over-struck with the design.

To commemorate the 500th meeting of the Omaha Coin Club in 1979, Mel again had elongated coins made. There were one thousand Lincoln cents, 10 Indian cents, three hundred dimes (a mixture of Mercury, silver Roosevelt and clad dimes), and six silver Washington quarters.

The next issue is probably not known to many collectors. The design shows a mailbox on a post; beneath the mailbox is the word "CHRISTMAS". The design is similar to the 1979 Christmas stamp. This elongated commemorates the First Day Cover that was issued in Omaha. Mel had other memorabilia connected with this event at his home as well. Mel did not mention the mintage of this issue.

The final elongated design Mel was connected with was for the opening of the first Byron Reed Coin exhibit at the Western Heritage Mu-

seum in Omaha in 1989. Mel had one thousand cents, eight 1891 (the year of Reeds death) Indian cents, five Liberty nickels, six buffalo nickels, eight Jefferson nickels, six Mercury dimes, ten silver Roosevelt dimes and six silver Washington quarters struck for the event.



The next two elongated designs are ones that I personally oversaw the production on. In 1991, I had some personal elongated coins made with a design of a duck surrounded by "CHRISTMAS 1991 FROM THE DRAKE'S OMAHA< NE". Two hundred and fifty cents were made, along with ten each of nickels, dimes and quarters. In 1992, I was also connected with the NNA's commemoration of 125 years of Nebraska statehood. Three hundred and fifty cents, eleven nickels, ten dimes and ten quarters were struck for this event.

Roger Winkelhake of Lincoln had elongated cents and nickels made to advertise his coin business. The nickel had a different design from the elongated pennies. In 1995, Roger oversaw the production of an elongated cent commemorating the centennial of the Nebraska Department of Roads.

In 1969, the SAC-Midwest Coin Club issued an elongated cent for its club. The Nebraska Numismatic Association had an elongated design for cents, nickels, dimes and quarter made for the Nation's Bi-Centennial in 1976.

In 1980, the Central States Numismatic society held its annual convention in Lincoln. There was a rolling machine at the convention, so several different coins were used to make elongated items.

There are many different elongated coins connected with Ne-

braska that are not mentioned in this article. Collectors can go to www.pennycollector.com to find out where present-day elongated machines are located in Nebraska. The website lists machines in Alliance, Ashland, Hastings, Hebron, Kearney, LaVista, Lincoln, Minden, North Platte, Omaha and Sidney. It also lists former machines in Gothenburg and Lincoln.

For example, the website tells you where four different machines are located at the Henry Doorly Zoo in Omaha. Three machines have four different designs for pennies, while one machine has four designs for quarters. One can also find machines at any Cabela's location throughout the Midwest.

My son and I always check the website before we travel to see where there are elongated machines close to where we are traveling. Most elongated machines take two quarters and one penny. You can have an inexpensive souvenir of your trip for only 51¢. Collecting elongated coins can be a fun addition to your coin collecting.

That was just one of many fascinating stories that could be told about coins, currency and collectors in the State of Nebraska. Do you have a story that you would like to tell? We would like to hear it.

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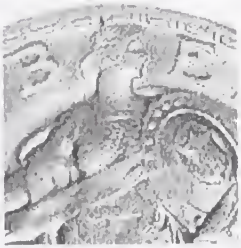


Nebraska Numismatic Events
October 30, 2009 CSNS/OCC Fall Numismatic Educational Seminar in Omaha

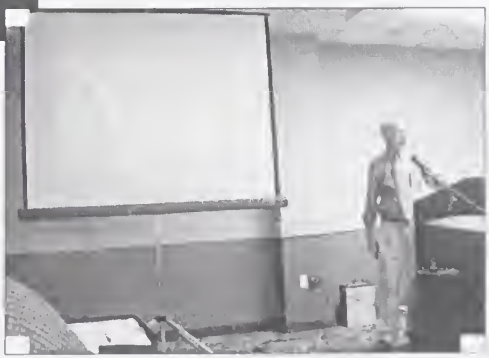
Thirty four dedicated hobbyists enjoyed a full day of educational programs from leading numismatic experts on October 30th. A continental breakfast began the day with Lincoln Cent authority, Chuck Daughtrey following with an over-view of the Lincoln cent . Our very own Jim McKee spoke next on Nebraska's Wildcat Banks.

Francis and Imogene McGovern visit with CSNS Education Director, Ray Lockwood. While NNA YN Samuel Ernst listens in

Chuck Daughtrey

After lunch, Indian cent specialist, Rick Snow spoke on Indian cent counterfeit detection and ANA President, Clifford Mishler ended the seminar with a talk on how the World Catalog of Coins got it's start.

Besides being the first seminar held this far west by Central States, it was the best attended seminar Central States has ever sponsored.



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Grand Island - Grand Island Coin Club, No longer meeting

Lincoln - Lincoln Coin Club, 2nd Thursday, Hampton Inn, Old Cheney Road and Hwy. 2, 7:30 pm.

Lincoln - Lincoln Numismatic Society, 1st Thursday, Hampton Inn, Old Cheney road and Hwy 2, 7:30 pm.

Nebraska City - Nebraska City Coin Club, 4th Tuesday, @ the Burger King S 77 Hwy, 7:00 pm

North Platte - Platte Valley Coin Club, No current information on club's existence or meeting location is available

Omaha - Omaha Coin Club, 3rd Friday, Douglas/Sarpy County Extension Office, 8015 West Center Road. 7:30 pm. YN's 7:00 pm.

Omaha - SAC/Midwest Coin Club, 1st Tuesday, Denny's Restaurant, 84th & I-80, 7:00 pm.

Scottsbluff - Oregon Trail Coin Club, 2nd Wednesday, McDonald's Office, 511 West 27th, 7:30 pm.

South Sioux City - Siouxland Coin Club, write for information, 901 S. Cecelia, Sioux City, Iowa, 51106

Seward - Nebraska tokens Collectors Club, 2nd Sunday, Cattle National Bank, 2:00 pm.

Wahoo - Wahoo Coin Club, 1st Saturday, Saunders County Historical Museum, 240 N. Walnut, 8:00 pm.

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